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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Masahiko Sato, et al.
Serial No. : 10/047,502
Filed : November 13, 2001
For : INFORMATION RECORDING APPARATUS AND FEE CHARGING METHOD THEREOF
Examiner : Shang, Annan Q.
Art Unit : 2617

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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required.
 The fee has been calculated as shown below.
 This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	34	Minus	** = 36	* 0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$ 0
Independent claims	5	Minus	*** = 4	* 1 x	\$200 (100)	= \$ 200.00
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 200.00

* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

** If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

*** If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$300 (150) has been previously paid , or is paid herewith .
- This response is being filed within the ___ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a ___ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$200.00 is attached, which covers the cost of additional claims petition for extension of time.
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April 19, 2006

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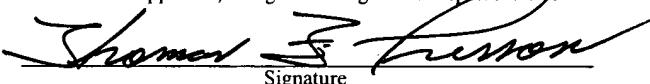
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on February 9, 2006, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on May 9, 2006, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.